

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Trans](#)[What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.](#)[View this email in your browser](#)**Newsletter #105:****What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.**

The Spring auctions are just around the corner which means I will be traveling overseas. I'm starting to see some of the Spring catalogs appear online and I have already gotten the catalog for the Künker Spring auctions (Osnabrück) in March. Unfortunately this time around I won't be able to attend the live auction but I will be available for representation services for anyone needing it. I'll preview the London auction sales just prior to the sales so I'll be reminding everyone to let me know lots of interest before I travel.

A request from Ken Sheedy regarding plated electrum

Some of you certainly know of Ken Sheedy, a well respected academic living in Australia. Ken has authored several books on ancient coins and is the director at the Australian Centre of Ancient Numismatic Studies in New South Wales. He wrote me just a few days ago and asked if I or any of my customers owned or knew of someone who owns plated electrum coins. He specifically is looking for plated Lydian electrum coinage (primarily with the lion's head). There are also some early examples of the striated type that were found to be plated. If you might have a coin that fits this description please let me know and I can put you in touch with Ken. This would help influence a current study he and his colleagues at the Centre are doing. Any help is appreciated!

Davissons Ltd. Auction 38 (Feb 27)

I discussed this sale a few newsletters ago so it is worth bringing up again as their sale is closing this upcoming week. This auction has some very nice pieces within and with no buyer's premium! You pay what you bid essentially (along with the shipping of course). This particular auction has a wonderful section of British tokens. I personally love this collecting area. The imagery on the tokens can be fun and the copper if preserved properly takes on beautiful iridescent tones over time. The prices are great for an entry

level collector. Certainly a lot less expensive than a Greek coin! Davissons also is known for their expertise in British hammered coinage and this sale exemplifies that knowledge. A very nice sale that is worth checking out. Let me know if you need my help.

Roma E-Sale 54 (Feb 27)

Roma is conducting their 54th E-Sale with a whopping 1,316 coins on offer. Of particular note is the PT collection of late Roman coinage. Most of the coins are affordably priced which is indicative of late Roman coinage. There are several coins in the group that were privately purchased from Baldwin's (no details however on when). I noticed some rarities within that were interesting. Other notable mentions were four coins of Juba II (who incidentally was married to Cleopatra VII's daughter Selene). Lot 52 is a coin of Juba and Cleopatra Selene which has a pedigree back to a 1907 hoard. The prices on electrum staters have dropped significantly from where they were a year ago. Roma offers a handful of staters that are very attractively priced and might be worth consideration. In the Roman provincial section there are several pretty examples of cistophorus featuring Mark Antony and Octavia. As is usually the case with Roma e-sales, a nice variety of material and various levels of quality are available. There is something for everyone in this auction. Please let me know if you need auction representation.

Savoca 17th Blue Auction (March 1-2)

There are 2,203 lots in this upcoming auction. Truth be told I've never quite figured out the differences in the Savoca auctions. I should write them to give me a good detailed description of how they classify them! This auction has a large number of Greek coins (829) and Roman Imperial (641). The rest of the auction is a good mixture of Celtic, Roman provincial, Roman Republican, Byzantine, Medieval and world. There is one rather interesting lot (1363) that is a 118 ancient coins from an American collector. The estimate is hefty at 5,000 Euros which is roughly 42 Euros a coin. From the look of the collection the quality seems to be on the lower end but it is nice to see the dedication of this collector in assembling the group.

Numismatik Naumann 75 (March 3)

Naumann has 1,130 coins on offer for their 75th sale. You won't find pedigreed coins here for the most part but the quality of material is good. They have a substantial Roman provincial section so helpful when you are looking for a scarce type that might not end up in a floor auction. Unless you travel out to Vienna to their offices you buy the coins sight unseen but they are a reputable firm. All coins go through a exportation process that takes a bit extra time but is worth the wait.

Naville Numismatics Live 47 (March 3)

Naville is hosting their 47th auction on March 3. For those of us that participate in both sales it can be a little much. They have 698 coins on offer. There is a good portion (126 items) from the Dattari collection. One wonders when the collection will be finished. It is incredible the sheer number of coins Mr. Dattari owned. That said, we shouldn't minimize the importance of the collection. At one point they will be gone. With heavier

restrictions on Egyptian material it isn't a bad idea to consider coins like this. The other typical staple in their sales the last few years are coins from the E.E. Clain Stefanelli collection. This auction has another 14 pieces. You may recall that the husband/wife numismatic team ran the coin department at the Smithsonian. They amassed an extensive collection of coins in the process and NAC and Naville have slowly been auctioning off the remainder of the collection.

Künker and G&M bound catalogs

If you would like a catalog from either of these sales please let me know. I have them and can send them out if you are interested in either of these sales and don't receive a catalog from them directly.



Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-republic/imperial-julius-caesar-illyrian-mint-possibly-apollonia-48-bc?rq=rr1058>

IMPERATORIAL. Julius Caesar. Illyrian mint, possibly Apollonia, 48 BC

AR Denarius, 4.00g (18mm, 7h). Head of Clementia (?) right / Trophy with Gallic arms; below, CAESAR

Pedigree: From the E. E. Clain-Stefanelli Collection, NAC 92 (Part 1), Zürich 2016, lot 381

Price: \$2,100

This coin memorializes the triumph of Julius Caesar's army over the Gauls. The area of Gaul, mostly modern day France and Belgium, were under the control of various Gaulish tribes. One theory as to why the conflicts occurred were that the Gauls were overtaking more and more of the area slowly infringing on the borders of the Roman territory. The other theory is that Caesar, who was proconsul at the time, had accumulated tremendous debt and meant to plunder some of the area to alleviate his financial burden. Whatever the reason the war with

the Gauls were Caesar's biggest military victory and helped to pave the way for his rise in power. One of the more memorable figures from the Gallic Wars was Vercingetorix, the king and chieftain of the Averni tribe, who has been portrayed in films and TV in popular culture

References: Bab. 26; BMC 3955; Crawf. 452/2; Sear 11; Syd. 1009

Grade: Some deeper scratches on flan in front of face, otherwise, nice iridescence and wonderfully struck. Reverse is slightly off-center. EF

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
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